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NETWORK BASED FINANCIAL TRANSACTION PROCESSING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for processing financial  
payments is provided in which there is at least one user  
terminal, at least one account processor, and a  
processing server. The processing server receives  
financial transaction data from at least one user  
terminal and communicates with at least one account  
processor, the financial transaction data comprising an  
amount and an account number. The processing server  
10 determines which of the account processors corresponds to  
the financial transaction data and transmits at least  
part of the financial transaction data to the determined  
account processor. The user terminal requires no special  
software other than standard web browser software. The  
15 server automatically associates an account number for a  
transaction with the corresponding account processor and  
can directly or indirectly update an account processor  
and a general ledger, and initiate an electronic funds  
transfer to receive compensation from or deposit proceeds  
20 to the customer's demand deposit account.